





A Reference for Proper Child Restraint Use

	<p>Rear Facing Infant or Convertible Seat</p> <p>A child <i>must be rear facing until the child is over one year of age.</i> Never in front of an active air bag.</p>	<p>Harness <i>at or below</i> shoulders. Harness straps snug. Harness clip at armpit level. Seat reclined so infant's head doesn't fall forward.</p>	<p>Tightly installed with vehicle safety belt or Lower Anchors.</p>
	<p>Forward Facing Seat</p> <p>At least one year old and between 20 and 40 pounds. Some models can accommodate heavier children.</p>	<p>Harness <i>at or above</i> shoulders. Harness straps snug. Harness clip at armpit level. Seat in upright position.</p>	<p>Tightly installed with vehicle safety belt or Lower Anchors and top Tether.</p>
	<p>Belt Positioning Booster Seat</p> <p>From about age 4 to at least age 8, unless 4 feet 9 inches tall.</p>	<p><i>A booster seat can only be used with the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt.</i> Booster seats are not required when the seating position has only a lap belt and the child weighs more than 40 pounds. The lap belt must cross the lower hips and upper thighs—never over the abdomen. The shoulder belt must be adjusted so it crosses the center of the shoulder and chest; never worn behind the back or under the arm.</p>	
	<p>Safety Belt</p> <p><i>Must be</i> at least 8-years of age or 4 feet 9 inches tall or taller</p>	<p>Passengers should sit upright with back against the vehicle seat cushion. Lap belt must be snug across the lower hips and upper thighs—never across the abdomen. If a shoulder belt is available, it must be adjusted so it crosses the center of the shoulder and chest—never behind the back or under the arm. Note: If possible, children should continue to use a booster seat if their knees do not bend over the front edge of the vehicle seat when the child is sitting properly with back touching seat cushion.</p>	

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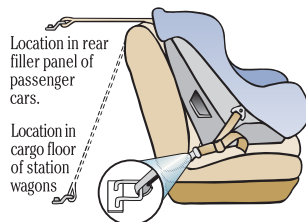
Washington's Child Passenger Safety Law RCW 46.61.687 covers all passengers under 16 years of age

- (a) A child must be restrained in a child restraint system, if the passenger seating position equipped with a safety belt system allows sufficient space for installation, until the child is 8 years old, unless the child is 4 feet 9 inches or taller. The child restraint system must comply with the standards of the U.S. Department of Transportation and must be secured in the vehicle in accordance with instructions of the vehicle manufacturer and child restraint manufacturer.
- (b) A child who is 8 years of age or older, or 4 feet 9 inches tall or taller, shall be properly restrained with the motor vehicle safety belt properly adjusted and fastened around the child's body or an appropriately fitting child restraint system.
- (c) The driver of a vehicle transporting a child who is under 13-years old shall transport the child in the back seat positions in a vehicle where it is practical to do so.

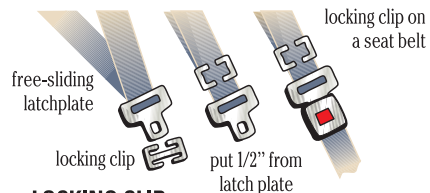
Does not apply to: "for hire vehicles;" vehicles designed to transport 16 or fewer passengers, including the driver, operated by transportation companies as defined in RCW 81.68.010; vehicles providing shuttle service between parking, convention, and hotel facilities, and airport terminals; and school buses.

- (7) Requirement to use a booster seat does not apply to: any seating position where there is only a lap belt available and the child weighs more than 40 pounds.

LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tether for CHildren)



Install vehicle manufacturer's bolt and attach strap to bolt. Limits upper body forward movement.



LOCKING CLIP:

Check child restraint or vehicle owner's manual for correct usage instructions.

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